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# FUTURES CONTRACTS MARGIN REQUIREMENTS, INDEX PRODUCTS FLOATING MARGIN RATES, CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES AND TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the Bourse) sets futures contracts margin rates, index products floating margin rates and tracking error margin rates, and currency options margin rates. The Bourse updates these rates on a monthly basis or when justified by market conditions.

The Bourse, in collaboration with Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation (CDCC), has determined that futures contract margin rates, in the case of speculators and hedgers, must be modified as follows:

FUTURES CONTRACTS	MARGIN TYPE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
<b>ONX</b> - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Speculator	\$800	\$950
ONA - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Hedger	\$750	\$900
<b><b>BAV</b> Three month Considian Dankara' Assertance</b>	Speculator	\$400	\$500
<b>BAX</b> - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$350	\$450
CC7 Two year Canadian Covernment Dand	Speculator	\$450	\$450
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$400	\$400
CCB Tan yoor Considion Covernment Band	Speculator	\$1,450	\$1,600
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$1,350	\$1,500
SVE CAD/TOV (O Is Jac	Speculator	\$5,400	\$4,650
<b>SXF</b> - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Hedger	\$5,200	\$4,450
SVA S&D/TSV Conned Cold Index	Speculator	\$5,400	\$5,200
SXA - S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	Hedger	\$5,200	\$5,000
SVD CAD/TOV Conned Einensiele Inden	Speculator	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>SXB</b> - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$950	\$950
SVII SED/TEV Conned Information Technology Index	Speculator	\$1,000	\$950
<b>SXH</b> - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$950	\$900
SVV CAD/TOV Conned Engage	Speculator	\$6,200	\$5,400
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$6,000	\$5,200

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## **FUTURES CONTRACT MARGIN REQUIREMENTS**

The following is a summary of the various margin rates for the futures contracts listed at Bourse de Montréal Inc.:

MARGIN TYPE	INDEX FUTURES CONTRACTS						
	SXF	SXA	SXB	SXH	SXY		
<b>SPECULATOR</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$4,650	\$5,200	\$1,000	\$950	\$5,400		
<b>HEDGER</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$4,450	\$5,000	\$950	\$900	\$5,200		
SPREADS	\$350	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		

MARGIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS					
	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB		
<b>SPECULATOR</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$950	\$500	\$450	\$1,600		
<b>HEDGER</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$900	\$450	\$400	\$1,500		
SPREADS	\$132	\$ 85	\$200	\$ 200		
<b>BUTTERFLY</b> (consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$ 74	N/A	N/A		
<b>BUTTERFLY</b> (non-consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$127	N/A	N/A		

1. The "Speculator" designation applies to all clients, except acceptable institutions, acceptable counterparties, regulated entities and bona fide hedgers, as defined in the Rules and Policies of the Bourse.

# **FLOATING MARGIN RATES**

In regards to index products floating margin rates, the following rates have been determined:

	BASKET OF IND	EX SECURITIES	INDEX PARTICIPATION UNITS		
FLOATING MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
S&P/TSX 60 Index	4.00%	3.25%	3.75%	3.25%	
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	10.00%	8.50%	9.75%	8.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	2.50%	2.50%	2.75%	2.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	6.75%	6.00%	6.50%	6.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	9.25%	7.50%	9.00%	7.50%	

#### **CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES**

CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
USX - US Dollar Option	2.25%	2.00%

## TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

In regards to index products tracking error margin rates, the following rates have been determined:

	PREVIOUS RATE			NEW RATE		
TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES	Index and IPU	Index and Futures	IPU and Futures	Index and IPU	Index and Futures	IPU and Futures
S&P/TSX 60 Index	0.75%	2.25%	2.25%	0.75%	1.75%	1.75%
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	1.50%	6.25%	6.25%	1.50%	4.00%	4.00%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	1.25%	2.00%	2.25%	1.00%	1.50%	1.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	2.50%	4.00%	3.75%	2.00%	3.25%	3.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	1.00%	7.50%	7.50%	1.00%	4.00%	4.00%

These new margin requirements will be effective for the close of business on Friday April 7, 2006.

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